

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 348
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Requested by Senator Jeff Essmann

SENATE TAXATION

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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BILL NO. SB348

For the House Free Conference Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 5 through line 6.

Strike: "TO" on line 5 through "IN" on line 6

2. Title, page 1, line 10 through line 13.

Strike: "ANNUAL" on line 10 through "SESSION" on line 13.

Insert: "LIMITING REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS TO 90 DAYS IN ANY 2-YEAR PERIOD; SPLITTING THE 90 DAYS BETWEEN A BUDGET SESSION EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AND A GENERAL SESSION EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR; LIMITING THE BUDGET SESSION TO APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE MATTERS UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF EITHER HOUSE"

3. Title, page 1, line 13.

Following: "PROVIDING"

Strike: "AN"

Insert: "A DELAYED"

4. Page 1.

Following: line 16

Strike: everything after the enacting clause

Insert: "Section 1. Article V, section 6, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 6. Sessions. (1) The legislature shall not meet for more than 90 legislative days during any 2-year period, except when called into special session.

(2) (a) The legislature shall meet each odd-numbered year in regular a budget session of not more than 90 legislative days. Any legislature may increase the limit on the length of any subsequent session. beginning on the date established by law.

(b) Only a bill that appropriates money or a bill to increase or decrease revenue may be introduced during a budget session unless introduction of another bill is approved by a two-thirds vote of either house.

(3) The legislature may meet each even-numbered year in a general session beginning on the date established by law.

(4) The legislature may be convened in special sessions by the governor or at the written request of a majority of the members."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 2. {standard} Effective date -- applicability. [This act] is effective January 1, 2011, and

applies to the sessions of the legislature beginning after December 31, 2012."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Submission to electorate. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2010 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

- [] FOR splitting the biennial 90-day regular legislative session into a budget session each odd-numbered year and a general legislative session each even-numbered year.
- [] AGAINST splitting the biennial 90-day regular legislative session into a budget session each odd-numbered year and a general legislative session each even-numbered year."

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